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DRAFT REPORT

SECRETARIAT ISSUED THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE AD HOC

COMMITTEE ON WDC (A:AC. 167/L.9) DATED 12 JULY 1976

PARA 25, WHICH SUMMARIZES US VIEWS, AND THE OBSERVATIONS

AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOW BELOW. THE ENTIERE REPORT IS

BEING POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT (IO/UNP-MACUK AND

ACDA/IR-BLACK).

QUOTE 25. ONE NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATE HAS EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY COULD NOTE BY CONSENSUS THAT A WORLD DISAR-

MAMENT CONFERENCE COULD PLAY A ROLE IN THE DISARMAMENT PROCESS

AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME. IN THE VIEW OF THIS NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATE,

HOWEVER, UNDER CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES IT IS NOT THE LACK OF

A SUITABLE FORUM BUT THE LACK OF POLITICAL AGREEMENT THAT CONSTITUTES

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PRINCIPAL OBSTACLE TO PROGRESS IN DISARMAMENT. A WORLD DIS-

ARMAMENT CONFERENCE WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO OVERCOME THIS LACK OF AGREEMENT AND THUS WOULD MORE PROBABLY HINDER, RATHER THAN ASSIST, EFFORTS TO REACH CONCRETE ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS. IT, THEREFORE, WOULD BE PREMATURE AT THIS TIME TO CONVENE, TO SET A DATE FOR, OR START PREPARATIONS FOR A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

V. OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE RELATING TO ITS MANDATE

35. FROM ITS STUDY OF THE VIEWS OF GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE CONVENING OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE AND RELATED DEVELOPMENTS, IT IS EVIDENT TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN GENERAL ARE ANXIOUS

TO SEE PROGRESS MADE IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT AND HAVE SUPPORTED PROPOSALS DEEMED TO BE CONDUCTIVE TOWARDS THAT END.

36. IN THIS CONNEXION THE IDEA OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE TO DEAL WITH DISARMAMENT PROBLEMS, WHICH ORIGINATED IN THE FIRST SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENTS OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN 1961 IN BELGRADE, HAS RECEIVED WIDE SUPPORT BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION, HOWEVER, WITH VARYING DEGREES OF EMPHASIS AND DIFFERENCES ON CONDITIONS AND CERTAIN ASPECTS RELATED TO THE QUESTION OF CONVENING THE CONFERENCE. AN OUTLINE OF THE MAIN APPROACHES TO THIS PROBLEM HAS BEEN PRESENTED IN CHAPTER III OF THE PRESENT REPORT.

37. NO CONSENSUS WITH RESPECT TO THE CONVENING OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS HAS YET BEEN REACHED AMONG THE NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES WHOSE PARTICIPATION IN A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE HAS BEEN DEEMED ESSENTIAL BY MOST MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION. IT APPEARS, THEREFORE, TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE THAT EFFORTS TOWARDS CREATION OF APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS FOR CONVENING A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE SHOULD CONTINUE AND IN THIS CONNEXION OPPORTUNITIES WHICH PRESENT THEMSELVES AND WHICH IN THE VIEW OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION COULD BE CONDUCTIVE TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PROGRESS IN THE FIELD OF

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DISARMAMENT SHOULD BE SEIZED AND FULLY EXPLORED.

38. IN THE LIGHT OF THE CONTENTS OF THE PRESENT REPORT AND THE FOREGOING REMARKS, THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY WISH TO EXAMINE THE ADVISABILITY OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE WORK OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

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